



March 27, 2015

Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 13-39
Birch Communications, Inc. One-Time Letter Notification**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Birch Communications, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries listed below (collectively, "Birch") hereby provide this one-time letter notification in accordance with the Commission's newly adopted rules requiring certain long-distance voice service providers to record, retain, and report certain data associated with the completion of long-distance calls to rural areas.¹ Birch is an originating long-distance voice service provider that has more than 100,000 domestic retail subscriber lines. Birch, however, does not qualify as a "covered provider" under the Commission's rules because it does not make the initial long-distance call path choice for more than 100,000 domestic retail subscriber lines.²

As permitted, Birch files this one-time letter at the holding company level.³ The Birch entities included within this filing are the following:

Birch Communications, Inc. (FRN: 0005044375)
Birch Telecom of Kansas, Inc. (FRN: 0003732260)
Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc. (FRN: 0003732294)
Birch Telecom of Oklahoma, Inc. (FRN: 0003732328)
Birch Telecom of Texas LTD LLP (FRN: 0003732336)

¹ WC Docket No. 13-39, *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces that Certain Long Distance Providers Must Begin Recording the Data Required for Rural Call Completion Reporting*, DA 15-291, Public Notice (rel. Mar. 4, 2015); *Rural Call Completion*, 28 FCC Rcd 16154 (2013) ("Rural Call Completion Order"); 47 C.F.R. § 64.2101 *et seq.*

² *Rural Call Completion Order* ¶ 67; 47 C.F.R. § 64.2101 (defining "covered provider").

³ *Rural Call Completion Order* ¶ 24.



Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. (FRN: 0005072780)
Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. (FRN: 0004319299)
Birch Telecom of the West, Inc. (FRN: 0008159725)
IONEX Communications South, Inc. (FRN: 0005027420)
IONEX Communications North, Inc. (FRN: 0005027305)
IONEX Communications, Inc. (FRN: 0005027453)
Birch Communications of the Northeast, Inc. (FRN: 0020152054)
Birch Communications of Virginia, Inc. (FRN: 0020212890)
Birch Communications of Kentucky, LLC (FRN: 0022823819)
Cbeyond Communications, LLC (FRN: 0003759602)

In accordance with the Commission's requirements,⁴ Birch also identifies the following long-distance providers to which it hands off its end user customers' calls:

AT&T
Attn: Kevin Moore, Account Manager 3
Emerging Markets Wholesale
3726 Westbrooke Circle NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30319
kml304@att.com

Birch is simultaneously providing a copy of this letter to each of the above-listed providers as required under the Commission's rules.⁵

If you have any questions regarding this matter or need any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Marty Turner,
Vice President

⁴ Rural Call Completion Order ¶ 67.

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